

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise paragraph [00001] beginning on page 1, line 3, as follows:

[00001] This application claims the benefit of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/256,428, filed September 27, 2002, ~~and German Patent Application No. 15412DE, filed March 29, 2001.~~

Please revise paragraph [00018] beginning on page 5, line 3, as follows:

[00018] Referring to Figures 5A through 5C, the locking element 40 is shown in the neutral position (Figure 5A) and the locking position (Figure 5C). A cluster of feed lines 50 is concentrically disposed within the rotary shaft 24 for providing paint and cleaning fluids to the atomizer bell 14. However, the rotary shaft 24 rotates freely around the feed line cluster 50, which is immobile relative to the atomizer bell 14 and the rotary shaft 24. As shown in Figure 5A, moving the locking element 40 radially inwardly does not engage the receptors disposed in the turbine 20 as the receptors 48 are not aligned with the locking element 40. As shown in Figure ~~[[4B]]~~ 5B, by rotating the rotary shaft 24, the receptors 48 are easily aligned with the locking element 40 enabling the locking element to be moved from the neutral position as shown in Figure 5A to the locking position as shown in Figure 5C thereby preventing the rotary shaft 24 from rotating. Once the locking element 40 has been moved to the locking position, the atomizer bell 14 is easily removed by unscrewing the atomizer bell 14 from the rotary shaft 24.